

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS
REAL ESTATE

DATE 27 October 1947

WARNING NOTICE

(Continental United States)

TO: DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS
CHIEF, PLANNING BRANCH, ACQUISITION DIVISION, REAL ESTATE, O.C.E.
CHIEF, REALTY CONTROL BRANCH, REQUIREMENTS DIVISION, REAL ESTATE, O.C.E.
CHIEF, MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL DIVISION, REAL ESTATE, O.C.E.
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CHIEF, DISPOSAL BRANCH, MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL DIVISION, REAL ESTATE, O.C.E.
CHIEF, OFFICE SERVICE DIVISION, O.C.E. (Surplus Properties)
DIRECTOR OF MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, O.C.E., Attention: **Mr. Gates**
CHIEF, REDISTRIBUTION & SALVAGE DIVISION, READJUSTMENT, O.C.E.,
Attention: Major Walker
CHIEF, MILITARY RESERVATION DIVISION, OFFICE OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL,
(Surplus Government Owned Properties)
DIVISION ENGINEER, NORTH PACIFIC DIVISION, Attention: REAL ESTATE OFFICER,
For Information Only

1. Notice was received on 24 October 1947 that, effective
23 October 1947, the following described property has been classified as
INACTIVE _____ STANDBY _____ EXCESS _____ SURPLUS _____ REESTABLISHED X REDISTRIBUTED _____
Name of Installation: Seattle General Depot.
Location nearest: Seattle (City) King (County) Washington (State)
Acreage: Total 35.24 W.D. 31.90 Public Lesser 3.34
Owned _____ Lands _____ Interests _____ Leased _____
Entire Installation _____ Portion of Installation X
Land Only _____ Land and Improvements X Improvements Only _____
Industrial Installation _____ Command Installation X
Property Used By QM & MED For Storage Depot.

2. Proposed disposition and remarks: This covers that portion only which was here
before certified to War Assets On 9-15-47. After this area is returned to the Juris-
diction of the Department of the Army, it is placed in an Active Status as a part of
the Seattle Port of Embarkation.

CSGSP/C2 46069

Reestablishment of Area at the Seattle General Depot,
Washington.
D/SS&P

C/E

23 OCT 1947

Maj Schmeltzer/6493/jg

1. Reference is made to the accompanying memorandum from the Chief of Transportation to the Director, Service, Supply and Procurement, dated 20 October 1947 with one inclosure, in which it is recommended that the surplus area of the Seattle General Depot be withdrawn from the category of surplus and reestablished as a part of the Seattle Port of Embarkation.

2. It is desired that action be initiated to effect the withdrawal from surplus declaration of that part of the Seattle General Depot heretofore certified for disposal. After this area is returned to the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army, it is placed in an active status as a part of the Seattle Port of Embarkation. It is desired that advice be submitted indicative of the date on which the subject area returns to the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army.

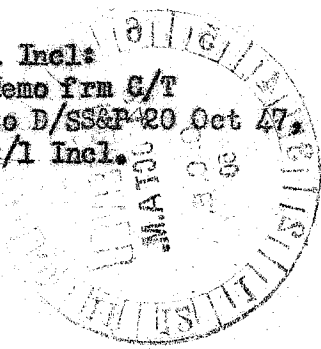
3. Your attention is invited to the fact that inclosure to the above referenced correspondence indicates that an area of land lying between East Marginal Way and the railroad tracks and West Alaska Street and the spur track is now in an active status. Advice is desired as to the authority for the omission of this area from the surplus declaration. If the review proves that this open area is still in surplus category, it is desired that this area also be withdrawn from surplus and reestablished as a part of the Seattle Port of Embarkation.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

W. M. BRECKINRIDGE
Lt. Colonel, GSC
Chief, Installations Branch
Service, Supply and Procurement Div.

LeR. LUTES
Lieutenant General, GSC
Director, Service, Supply
and Procurement

1 Incl:
Memo from C/T
to D/SS&P 20 Oct 47,
w/1 Incl.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TCADM

20 October 1947.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SERVICE, SUPPLY AND PROCUREMENT, GSUSA.

SUBJECT: Seattle General Depot.

1. It is requested that that portion of the Seattle General Depot outlined in red on attached plot plan (Inclosure No. 1) be withdrawn from surplus and placed under the command jurisdiction of the Chief of Transportation as an added facility of the Seattle Port of Embarkation. That area scored in yellow on attached plot plan (Inclosure No. 1) has been requested in previous correspondence from this office, copies of which are attached as Inclosures Nos. 2 and 3.

2. The justification for this request is as follows:

a. There is an immediate need for an additional 200,000 sq. ft. gross of closed storage to accommodate the expansion of TC supply activities. This involves an increase from approximately 13,000 line items to over 22,000 and possibly up to 50,000 line items, and the maintenance of authorized levels therefor which has not been done in the past due to the non-availability of storage space and supplies. The 90,000 sq. ft. now occupied by TC Supply in Warehouse No. 7 (located in port proper) will be used to accommodate expansion of QM activities described below, making the total space required for TC Supply activities 290,000 sq. ft. gross. Warehouse No. 3 (280,800 sq. ft. gross) located at the Seattle General Depot, will be devoted entirely to TC Supply activities. The maintenance of prescribed stock levels at Ports of Embarkation is necessary in order to materially reduce the number of emergency purchases that are made for the supply of vessels. Further, in order to continue in effect at the Seattle Port of Embarkation the recent reduction in the turn-around time of vessels from an average of 16 days to an average of 10 days, all items of supply must be in stock at the Port, as the time vessels are in port is not sufficient to permit the emergency requisitioning from depots of items not in stock. In addition, experience has shown that many items of TC Supply are not readily available in the open market for emergency purchase.

b. A recent change in QM procurement procedures, wherein the requisitioning cycle and frequency of non-perishable subsistence supply to post camps and stations in the ZI were changed to 2 months and 4 months respectively, will require the assignment for the storage of QM supplies of more than double the space presently assigned to that activity. The total space requirement for QM supplies will be approximately 75,000 sq. ft. gross. The space in Warehouse No. 7 to be vacated by TC Supply (paragraph 2a above) will be assigned to the Port Quartermaster for that purpose.

c. Due to the inability of mainland ports of debarkation in Alaska to operate to full capacity during the winter months, some back-up shipments destined for those ports must be placed in intransit storage by SEPE for that purpose will be in direct proportion to the inability of the Alaskan ports to handle the cargo. Last winter the U. S. District Engineer had a continuous backlog of 25,000 M/T in intransit storage at SEPE because Alaska ports were unable to receive and discharge cargo. From information available at this time, a continuous backlog of approximately 15,000 M/T above the capacity of port facilities is anticipated. At this moment, SEPE has absolutely no reserve space to handle the back-up occasioned by such an embargo. Last winter, Pier 42 (216,000 sq. ft.) was leased at a cost of \$18,000.00 per month to meet the then existing emergency, and was utilized 100 percent. The lease on this pier expired 30 June 1947, and the property was turned back to the owners. It is proposed that Warehouse No. 5 (151,200 sq. ft. gross) accommodate this activity.

and space that would be required in the event of a strike or any other situation that might cause a backlogging of cargo. It is therefore considered desirable that Warehouse No. 4 be retained under Government control in order that the Port could retain some degree of flexibility in the event of an emergency.

3. The estimated added per annum costs incidental to the utilization of the Seattle General Depot by the SEPE are as follows:

a. Repairs and Utilities:

Light and heat	\$13,000
Water	2,000
Materials (Maintenance)	12,000
Personnel (5 ungraded maintenance)	13,000
Total	\$40,000 per annum

b. Other costs: None.

4. If there is any cost to be borne by the Department of the Army for the withdrawal from surplus of the requested property, the Transportation Corps will bear that cost.

1 Incl.

FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION:

1. Plot Plan
- (2. Ltr dtd 31 July 47 (cy))w/drawn and
- (3. DF dtd 29 Sep 47 (cy))retd to C/T per request

H. T. MILLER
Colonel, TC
Actg Asst Ch/Transportation.

WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION
Regional Office Real Property Disposal
McDermott Building
1409 Second Avenue
Seattle 1, Washington

December 17, 1947

In reply refer to:
RSE-PPM-A
Seattle General Depot
Seattle, Washington

The District Engineer
Seattle District
Corps of Engineers
4735 E. Marginal Way
Seattle 4, Washington

Attention: Mr. A. L. Becker

Subject: Seattle General Depot, WD-1141
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

By this letter and as of this date, subject surplus site is hereby returned to your custody and accountability, in accordance with approved complete withdrawal Form WAA 1005 dated October 24, 1947, and War Department Shipping Document Surplus 0015 dated July 22, 1947, which was checked by Joint Inventory on November 19-20, 1947.

Attached is one conformed copy of Letter Right of Entry, whereby the Seattle Port of Embarkation was granted possession of this surplus site, effective November 21, 1947, and covering the period while the property is still within the jurisdiction of the WAA.

It is requested that you indicate your acceptance of this surplus site as indicated in complete withdrawal Form WAA 1005 dated October 24, 1947 by executing the acceptance in the space provided herein.

Very truly yours,

WM. B. ADAMS
Chief, Property Management Division

Enclosure

Cpy Letter r/E dtd 11/21/47
Accepted this 17 day of December, 1947

/s/ J. H. Beddow
J. H. BEDDOW, Lt. Col., C.E.
Accountable Officer
Seattle District, Corps of Engrs.

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In reply refer to:
RSE-PLE
Seattle General Depot,
Seattle, Washington

November 21, 1947

Commanding Officer
Seattle Port of Embarkation
1519 South Alaskan Way
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request for Letter Right of Entry to the Seattle General Depot, East Marginal Way, Seattle, Washington, you are hereby granted the right of use and occupancy of the said General Depot area and buildings, together with the land underlying said buildings and rights of ingress and egress thereto and therefrom, together with the joint use of the spur tracks and sidings therein, with the exception of buildings specifically reserved herein, commencing on the 21st day of November 1947, and revocable at the will of the War Assets Administration, on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the use and occupancy of said premises shall be without cost or expense to the War Assets Administration, and subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed from time to time.

2. The Department of the Army shall, at its expense and without cost to the War Assets Administration, maintain and keep in good repair and condition, the premises herein authorized to be used.

3. Any interference with, or damage to, property under control of the War Assets Administration incident to the exercise of the privileges herein granted shall be remedied to the satisfaction of the War Assets Administration or its representative.

4. The Department of the Army shall pay all charges for water, gas and electricity, if furnished, based on meter readings, or such other methods as may be determined by War Assets Administration or its representative. Payments shall be made direct to the producing company for such utilities as are not furnished by War Assets Administration. For such services as are furnished by WAA, the Department of the Army shall make payment in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Act of Congress, May 21, 1920 (41 Stat. 613) as amended by Section 601 of the Act of Congress, approved June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 417), with applicable regulations of the Comptroller General of the United States governing payments between Departments of the United States Government for services rendered.

Commanding Officer
Seattle 4, Washington

November 21, 1947

5. No additions to, or alterations of, the premises shall be made without the prior consent of the War Assets Administration or its representative.

6. The War Assets Administration, its officers, agents and employees shall not be responsible for any loss, expense, damage to property, or injuries to persons, or damage to the property of the Department of the Army, or others who may be on said premises or within the confines of said Seattle General Depot at the invitation of the Department of the Army, and the Department of the Army shall hold the War Assets Administration and any of its officers, agents and employees, harmless from any and all such claims.

7. The Department of the Army shall, for the protection of life and property, provide such fire guard personnel as the War Assets Administration or its designated representative shall deem necessary to afford ample fire protection, commensurate with the increased fire hazards resulting from this Permit.

8. A joint inventory and condition report of the property covered by this Permit, showing the exact condition thereof as of the date of occupancy by the Department of the Army shall be made by a representative of the War Assets Administration and a representative of the Department of the Army.

9. This right-of-entry is subject to outstanding interim permits granted to the Veterans Administration covering buildings T-105, T-106, T-107, and coal storage area adjacent to building T-106, and to permit granted to Warehousing Division, War Assets Administration, covering warehouse and storage area.

It is understood the premises covered by this right-of-entry have been declared surplus to the War Assets Administration for disposal. Further, it is contemplated that said premises are being withdrawn from the surplus category by the Owning Agency. The rights and privileges granted herein will terminate when the formal withdrawal is consummated, and accordingly use and occupancy is specifically limited to the interim periods.

Commanding Officer
Seattle 4, Washington

November 21, 1947

It is requested that you indicate your acceptance of these conditions relative to your occupancy of the premises by executing the acceptance in the space provided herein.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. R. Fleming

C. R. FLEMING
Deputy Regional Director
Real Property Disposal
War Assets Administration

Accepted this 28 day of November, 1947.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Seattle Port of Embarkation

By /s/ Wm. H. Donaldson, Jr.
WM. H. DONALDSON, JR.
Colonel, TC
Commanding